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SUBJ: VISIT OF FAA ADMINISTRATOR BUTTERFIELD TO ROMANIA
SEPTEMBER 10-11

1. SUMMARY: FAA ADMINISTRATOR ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD'S VISIT TO ROMANIA SEPTEMBER 10-11 PROVED TO BE HIGHLY USEFUL BOTH TO FAA AND EMBASSY. BUTTERFIELD MET WITH MOST SENIOR ROMANIAN AVIATION OFFICIAL, DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE VASILE ALEXE, AND WITH OTHER CIVAIR AUTHORITIES. VISIT WAS EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP AT HIGHER LEVEL OF MARCH VISIT BY ACTING ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR GAMMON AND PROVIDED OCCASION TO DISCUSS WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS, INCLUDING ROMANIAN CIVAIR DEVELOPMENT PLANS, NEEDS FOR NEW EQUIPMENT, AIRWORTHINESS BILATERAL, AND POSSIBLE TRAINING OF ROMANIAN CIVAIR PERSONNEL IN U.S. BUTTER-
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ISSUED INFORMAL INVITATION TO ALEXE AND OTHER CIVAIR OFFICIALS TO VISIT U.S., WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED UP BY WRITTEN INVITATION. END SUMMARY.

2. FAA GROUP ARRIVED AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 10 AND MET WITH AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY OFFICERS. DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S FOLLOWED. SENIOR ROMANIAN GUESTS WERE GENERALS VASILE ALEXE AND CONSTANTIN ZGAVIRDICI, BOTH OF WHOM HAD ATTENDED FARNBOROUGH AIR SHOW. ALEXE IS DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND COMMANDER, AIR AND
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AIR DEFENSE FORCES. BECAUSE CIVAIR FALLS UNDER MINISTRY OF

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DEFENSE, ALEXE IS CONSEQUENTLY SENIOR ROMANIAN MILITARY AND CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIAL. ZGAVIRDICI IS ALEXE'S DEPUTY FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND PLAYS KEY ROLE IN AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY, BOTH IN DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND PURCHASES. OTHER GUESTS INCLUDED RECENTLY PROMOTED GENERAL AUREL RAICAN, DEPUTY MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION COMMAND-TAROM, WHO WAS SITTING IN FOR GENERAL DUMITRU BALAUR. RELAXED ATMOSPHERE AT DINNER LAID EFFECTIVE GROUNDWORK FOR WORKING MEETINGS FOLLOWING MORNING.

3. IN GROUP MEETING SEPTEMBER 11 WITH ROMANIAN CIVAIR OFFICIALS HEADED BY GENERAL RAICAN, FAA DELEGATION DISCUSSED ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESPECTIVE CIVAIR AUTHORITIES. ROMANIAN AIRPORTS DIRECTOR CONSTANTIN RADUT SKETCHED ROMANIA'S DEVELOPMENT PLANS, POINTING OUT ROMANIAN NEED FOR ADDITIONAL LONG-RANGE RADARS, AUTOMATED AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS, ILS EQUIPMENT, AND INTENTION TO DEVELOP THIRD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT TIMISOARA SUPPLEMENTING BUCHAREST AND CONSTANTA.

4. FAA GROUP PROPOSED WAYS IN WHICH ROMANIAN CIVAIR OFFICIALS AND TECHNICIANS COULD BENEFIT FROM TRAINING IN U.S. AND RECIPROCAL VISITS. IT WAS AGREED THAT MOST APPROPRIATE BEGINNING MIGHT BE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY HIGH-LEVEL GROUPS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY EXCHANGE OF TECHNICIANS. TWO TYPES OF TRAINING FOR ROMANIAN PERSONNEL IN THE U.S. WERE DISCUSSED: INFORMAL OJT AT U.S. CIVAIR INSTALLATIONS AND FORMAL STUDY AT FAA ACADEMY IN OKLAHOMA CITY. DETAILS ARE TO BE WORKED OUT BY CORRESPONDENCE THROUGH EMBASSY.

5. BUTTERFIELD EXTENDED INVITATION TO TWO CONFERENCES, AIRWORTHINESS CONFERENCE DECEMBER 2-11 IN WASHINGTON, AND FLIGHT INSPECTION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD EARLY NOVEMBER IN FRANKFURT.

6. ROMANIANS ADVISED US THEY WILL SOON SUBMIT DRAFT OF PROPOSED BILATERAL AIRWORTHINESS AGREEMENT, REQUIRED TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION FOR ROMANIAN-MADE IS 29-D GLIDER. DRAFT AGREEMENT WILL APPARENTLY ALSO MAKE REFERENCE TO POWERED AIRCRAFT. WE INFORMED ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES THAT ACTUAL SUBSTANCE OF AGREEMENT WOULD OF COURSE HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

7. VISIT ENDED WITH CORDIAL LUNCHEON HOSTED BY GENERAL ALEXE AND HAS CLEARLY SERVED TO FOSTER CLOSER RELATIONS WITH ROMANIAN
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